

BOOK NEWS & REVIEWS

THE PLAIN MAN'S GUIDE TO ETHICS — by William Barclay \$1.25 (post 25c)

A more descriptive title would have been 'The Plain Man looks at the Ten Commandments', for this is what the book is all about, but such a title would hardly have conveyed the up-to-date relevance of much that the author has to say.

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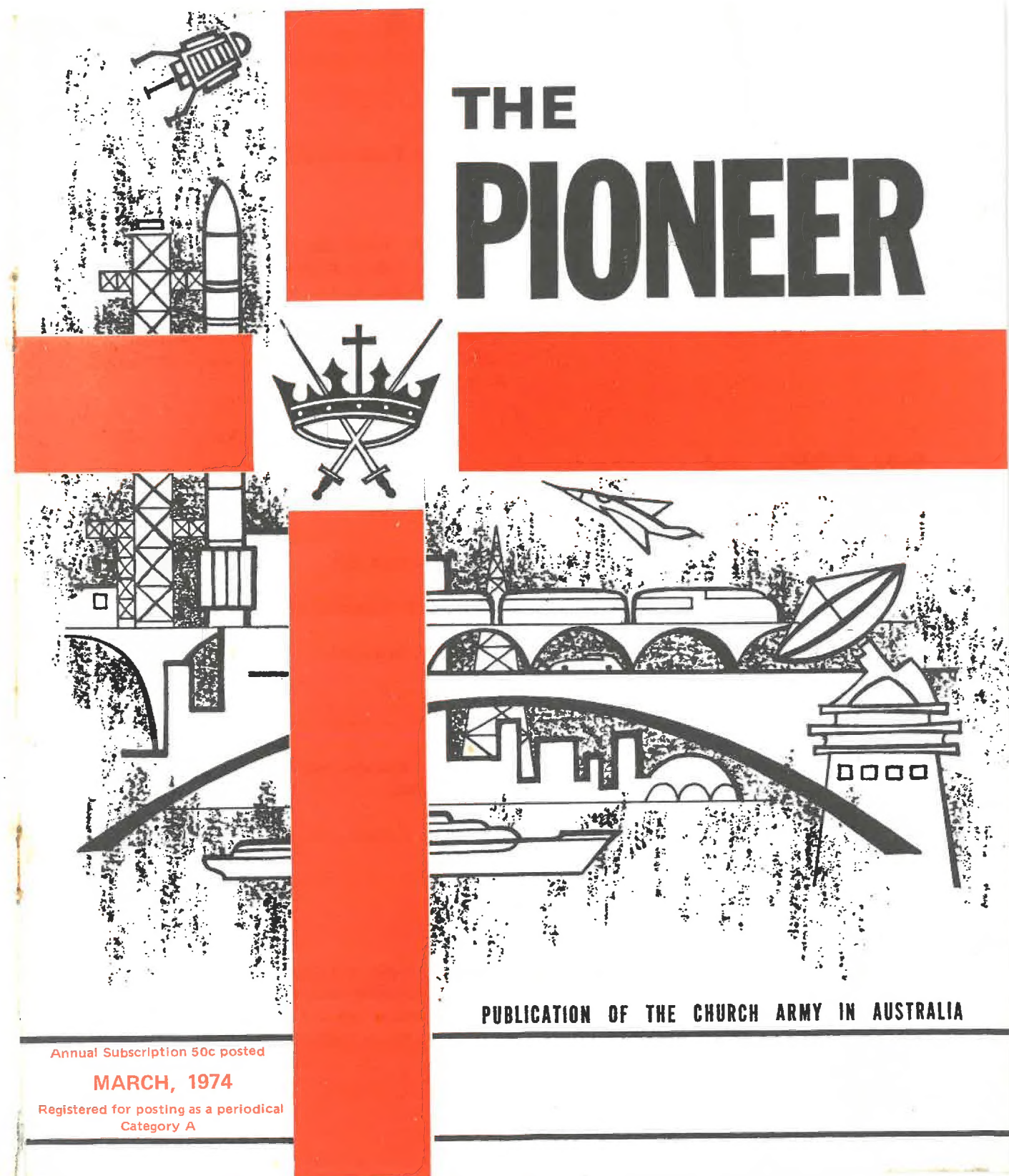
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Special Points For Prayer

OFFICERS IN NEW POSITIONS:

Several officers began work in new positions in February. They are Captain Ken Donaldson, Captain David Hinchliffe, Captain Ron King, Captain Stan Lister, Captain Warren Darnley, Sister Josie Leslie and Sister Pat Free. Captain Les Fernance begins a new position on April 1st. (For more details, see "News and Notes".) Pray for them as they settle into their new work, that effective ministries may be established and carried out, through their particular responsibilities.

CAPTAIN CECIL FISK: Pray for Captain Fisk — that he may be encouraged and strengthened by God's healing power in his life. And for Mrs. Fisk in caring for her husband, that she may be constantly upheld and refreshed by God's grace.

CANDIDATES: There is no lack of requests for officers in many parts of Australia. Let us pray with confidence for those men and women God is calling to serve Him within the ranks of Church Army. Pray, too, for those who have an influence on young people.

PARISH MISSIONS: Pray for preparation for Evangelistic Missions at Condobolin, N.S.W., 26th May to 2nd June, and Gayndah, Qld., 3rd to 10th November. Pray for Captain Gwilt, as Missioner, for those who will assist him, for those who are "preparing the ground" in the parishes.

DEPUTATIONS: Pray for Captain Gwilt and other officers, who preach at church services, speak at children's, youth and adult group meetings, houseparties, etc. Pray that they may witness faithfully to the Gospel of Christ, and, as people hear about the work of Church Army, more may be led to support the work and to offer for service.

FINANCE: Thank God for all who give generously to help further the work of the Church Army. Many of the financial needs of the Society can only be met from direct giving by individuals, groups and parishes in the Church in Australia. Pray that more people may be led to include Church Army in their support of the mission of the Church.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH ARMY

FOR ITS OFFICERS

Grant, O God, to the Officers of the Church Army
the Faith which sees the Cross and knows
that all men may be redeemed;
the Hope which sees the empty tomb and
knows that good must triumph over evil;
the Love which sees Jesus and knows that
in Him alone the hearts of men can be
fully satisfied;
For His Name's sake. Amen

FOR THE SUPPLY OF ITS NEEDS

O God our Heavenly Father, who has enabled the Church Army to make your love known through the preaching of the Gospel and through social service, grant that many may hear your call to serve in its ranks and to support it by their prayers and by their gifts, and help us all to be faithful witnesses for you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Training for Evangelism

In the December, 1973 issue of this magazine mention was made of the great demand for our officers and that the demand far exceeded the supply. This situation has continued to grow and, if we had them, we could place more than 20 additional officers as parish evangelists, youth leaders, etc. However, the only way to resolve the situation is to recruit and train many more men and women called by God to this work.

Our readers may care to know the subjects studied by those who are accepted for the two year residential training course. All our students have to sit for the Th.A. examinations of the Australian College of Theology and these are — Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Belief, Christian Mission and Missions, Religious Education, Church History, Worship, and Ethics and the Christian Faith.

The students are also required to study the following additional subjects — Evangelism, Introduction to the Bible, Apologetics, English Expression, Church Army History and Mission, Communication, Group Dynamics, Reading and Public Speaking, Psychology of Childhood, Human Development and Introduction to Counselling, Youth and Youth Leadership.

A strong emphasis is placed upon practical training, so that the subjects being studied are put into practice in learning situations throughout the whole of the training course.

VACANCIES!

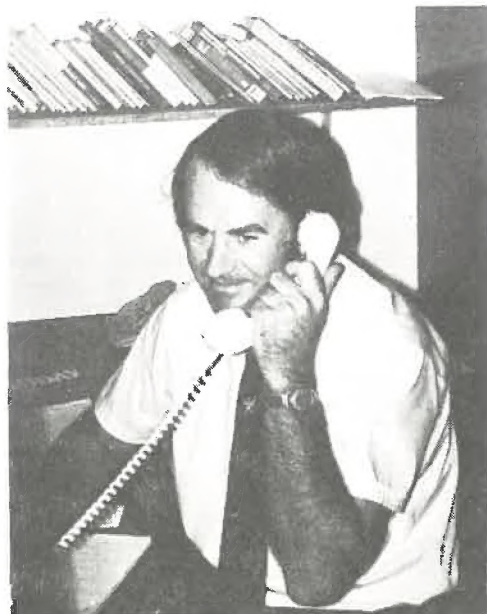
The Church Army could place many more Evangelists in positions of leadership and service, but there are not enough Officers available.

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The ministry of listening is of real importance. A great deal of time is spent in talking to people who telephone about their problems and needs.



Camping with the local C.E.B.S. group. Sharing food, fun and fellowship around the camp fire.

LISTENING

The Evangelist must be able to listen as well as speak out.

Captain Bob Eland is a Youth Leader at the Sydney City Mission Community Centre at Green Valley. He has a very varied ministry as you can tell from the photographs that depict just some of his activities. Not all his work is directly connected with the Centre. He is also involved with his local parish church and at a nearby High School, where he takes two large groups for religious instruction each week.

Another important aspect of the work is the establishing of good working relationships with government departments such as Child Welfare, Housing Commission and the Police. A close liaison is also maintained with various social welfare agencies in the community.

It is certainly necessary to be a good listener in such a ministry as Bob Eland's. And it is equally important to know when to speak and what to say. This requires understanding of people and sensitivity; qualities which are developed in Church Army training, and further sharpened in the daily activities of the Evangelist's ministry.

Church Army Evangelists see themselves as bearers and sharers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Taking the Gospel to people where and as they are, and sharing the Gospel with people by word and by action. What a wonderful privilege and great responsibility this is!

EVANGELISTIC MISSIONS: As usual, missions are being planned for parishes during the year (one will have already taken place by the time you receive this issue), and for next year too. Others still to take place will be at: Condobolin, N.S.W., in the Diocese of Bathurst, from May 26th to June 2nd; Gayndah, Qld. in the Diocese of Brisbane, from November 3rd to 10th.

The chief Missioner will be Captain R. L. Gwilt, and other officers will assist him.

FETE: It may be very impractical, because of distance, for many supporters to contribute to the Church Army Fete by assisting to stock stalls. However, in the past, some people have held functions in their own locality and sent the proceeds to Church Army. May we suggest this as a very real way in which people can be active participants in the work towards the Fete.

CHURCH ARMY ANNUAL FETE

Saturday, 27th April, 1974

10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

AT THE FEDERAL OFFICE AND TRAINING COLLEGE
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The Sydney Women's Auxiliary would be glad to receive gifts of home cooking — cakes, sweets, and preserves. Also plants, groceries, vegetables and white elephant gifts would be welcome. Goods and helpers urgently needed to ensure a bumper Fete. Please write or telephone (452-1873) Mrs. Gwilt.